## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF LICKING VALLEY RURAL )
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION ) CASE NO. 98-321
TO ADJUST ELECTRIC RATES )

## ORDER

On October 2, 1998, the Kentucky CATV Association, Inc., d/b/a The Kentucky Cable Telecommunications Association ("KCTA"), filed a motion for full intervention and an information request to be responded to by Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Licking Valley"). KCTA also requests authority to file, within 10 days of Licking Valley's responses, further motions requesting additional procedural or substantive relief or additional information. KCTA states that it just became aware of this case and that Licking Valley gave no direct notice of its proposed rates to any KCTA member.

Based on KCTA's motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that KCTA is a trade association for cable telecommunications companies in Kentucky. KCTA is not a customer of Licking Valley but seeks to participate in this proceeding on behalf of certain unnamed cable companies who are customers of Licking Valley. Subject to KCTA's disclosure of the names and addresses of each cable company which is represented by KCTA and is a customer of Licking Valley, the Commission finds that KCTA has a special interest in this proceeding which is not otherwise adequately represented by any other party. KCTA's intervention on behalf of the to be identified cable customers of Licking Valley is likely to present issues

or to develop facts that assist the Commission in fully considering the rate issues in this case without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings.

The Commission further finds that, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 10(4)(c)(3), Licking Valley published once a week for three consecutive weeks commencing on August 6, 1998 newspaper notice of its pending rate application and its proposed rates for cable companies. Subsequent to that publication, the Commission established a procedural schedule on August 28, 1998. The major events remaining under that procedural schedule are the filing of intervenor testimony by October 29, 1998 and a public hearing on December 15, 1998. KCTA's request for authority to seek future procedural or substantive relief or to request additional information is too open ended. Any request by KCTA to modify the existing procedural schedule must specify the events and dates to be modified. The Commission would consider such a request in light of whether KCTA intends to file testimony, the need to allow discovery on such testimony, and the need to hear this case on December 15, 1998 to ensure that a decision is rendered prior to the expiration of the suspension period.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. KCTA is granted status as a full intervenor subject to its filing within 7 days of the date of this Order a notice disclosing the names and addresses of the cable companies which it represents in this proceeding which are customers of Licking Valley.
- 2. KCTA shall be entitled to the full rights of a party and shall be served with the Commission's Orders and with filed testimony, exhibits, pleadings, correspondence, and all other documents submitted by parties after the date of this Order.

3. Should KCTA file documents of any kind with the Commission in the course of these proceedings, they shall also serve a copy of said documents on all other parties of record.

4. KCTA's request for authority to seek procedural or substantive relief with respect to the existing procedural schedule is denied without prejudice. Any future request to modify the procedural schedule shall fully disclose the extent of KCTA participation and include proposed dates for all future procedural events.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 9th day of October, 1998.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

For the Commission

ATTEST

**Executive Director**